

Warden Message



To: American Citizens Living in Republic of Congo

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Subject: Cholera Cases in Pointe Noire

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Wardens: Please disseminate the following notice to all American citizens within your registration zone as soon as possible. Thank you.

WARDEN MESSAGE ON RECENT CASES OF CHOLERA IN POINTE NOIRE AND BRAZZAVILLE

The U.S Embassy wishes to alert the American community about reports of a cholera outbreak in the Republic of Congo, primarily affecting the town of Pointe Noire. The known cases in Brazzaville are thought to have affected people recently returned from Pointe Noire. The government of the Republic of Congo is now encouraging people with even the slightest symptoms of diarrhea to go to the main hospitals where they will be treated free of charge.

We note that short outbreaks of cholera in Republic of Congo occur from time to time. Cholera occurs mostly in places where sanitation is poor. People who observe water and food safety recommendations while in countries reporting cholera have virtually no risk. Risk increases for those who drink untreated water or eat poorly cooked or raw seafood in disease-endemic areas.

Recently developed cholera vaccines are not licensed in the United States, nor recommended by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for travelers. For information on cholera and how to protect yourself from infection, see:

- Cholera (from CDC, Division of Bacterial and Mycotic Diseases)
www.cdc.gov/nicd/dbmd/diseaseinfo/cholera_g.htm
- Cholera (from CDC, Health Information for International Travel)
<http://www2.ncid.cdc.gov/travel/yb/utills/ybGet.asp?section=dis&obj=cholera.htm&cssNav=browseoyb>

For information on travel to the Republic of Congo, see the Department's Consular Information Sheet for Republic of Congo. American citizen who are not already registered with the Embassy, should do so at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>.

The consular section of the Embassy can be reached by phone at (242) 81-14-81. Americans in need of emergency assistance should contact the American Embassy in Brazzaville by calling 81-14-81 and asking for the consular section (note: if it is after normal business hours **and an emergency**, please be prepared to give your name and a phone number so the duty officer can call you back.) For additional information on travel to

Congo-Brazzaville, see the U.S. Department of State's [Consular Information Sheet for Congo \(Republic of\)](http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1092.html) - http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1092.html.